

Heaven Matters Because It Is Our Eternal Home!

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John 14:1-7

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John 14:1, Jesus said “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we don’t know where You are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷If you really know Me, you will know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.”

Heaven Matters Because...

1. Our FAITH Enables Us To Thrive Today!

John 14:1, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me.”

Hebrews 11:1, Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

- **We Can Ask Anything In Jesus’ NAME**
John 14:14, You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it.
- **We Have An ADVOCATE With The Father**
John 14:25, “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the

Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

2. Our FUTURE Place Is Being Prepared!

John 14:2, My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.

Ecclesiastes 3:11, ... He has also set eternity in the human heart.

- **Heaven Is That PERFECT Place**

1 Corinthians 2:9, However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love Him—

- **Heaven Contains Our Final INHERITANCE**

1 Peter 1:3, Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you...

3. Our PATH Is Very Clear!

John 14:4, You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we don’t know where You are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus answered, “I

am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

John 3:16, *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.*

Cottonwood Creek Challenge:

- Reflect on John 14:1-7
- Make a list of your top troubles, fears and worries, then put John 14:1-7 into practice. Trust God and remember your troubles pale in comparison to heaven.
- Ask others what they think about heaven. Talk about heaven with your family, your friends and co-workers. See if it raises questions or begins a broader conversation.
- Pray about heaven like it matters, “Jesus, I know that You have prepared a place for me in heaven and I believe in You. Help me take as many other people to heaven with me as I can.”